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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COOLING
WITH A PHASE CHANGE MATERIAL AND
HEAT PIPES

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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REPLY TO PTO COMMUNICATION

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the PTO Communication mailed on October 11, 2001. This Communication asserts that the Amendment filed on July 23, 2001 is "non-responsive", for failure to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b). In particular, the Communication asserts that the Amendment fails to address the patentability of newly-added Claims 24-26. Applicants respectfully traverse this assertion. The patentability of Claims 24-26 is addressed in the sentence which appears at lines 14-17 on page 11 of the Amendment.

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Therefore, and contrary to the assertions in the PTO communication mailed on October 11, 2001, it is respectfully submitted that the Amendment filed on July 23, 2001 does in fact address the patentability of Claims 24-26, and is therefore responsive and in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner proceed to consider on the merits the Amendment which was filed on July 23, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
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